

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 862

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare Program to Puerto Rico hospitals.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20, 2005

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Medicare  
5   Reimbursement Equity Act of 2005”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF MEDICARE INPATIENT HOS-** 7                   **PITAL PAYMENT RATE FOR PUERTO RICO** 8                   **HOSPITALS.**

9       Section 1886(d)(9)(E) of the Social Security Act (42  
10   U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)(E)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);

2           (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “and before Oc-  
3       tober 1, 2005,” after “2004,” and by striking the  
4       period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
6       clause:

7           “(v) on or after October 1, 2005, the applicable  
8       Puerto Rico percentage is 0 percent and the applica-  
9       ble Federal percentage is 100 percent.”.

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